



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## SACS visit

Review team will be on the Troy Campus April 20-23

The review team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) will visit the Troy Campus April 20-23.

The team, which concluded visits to the Montgomery, Dothan and Phenix City campuses last week, will spend much of their time talking with faculty, staff and students about the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).

The QEP is required by SACS and serves as a means to increase overall quality and

### WE READ



Creating a Culture of Reading - QEP

### TROY UNIVERSITY

effectiveness by focusing on one issue that can improve overall student learning.

TROY's QEP, "We Read," focuses on creating a culture of reading, which in turn will aid students in the development of

critical thinking skills

"I believe that as our students become better readers, they will become stronger learners," said Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost. "All of us at Troy University will benefit from our QEP's focused approach on enhancing critical reading skills."

In an email memorandum, Dr. Roach encouraged members of the faculty and staff to become familiar with the QEP, which is available online by **See SACS, Page 3**

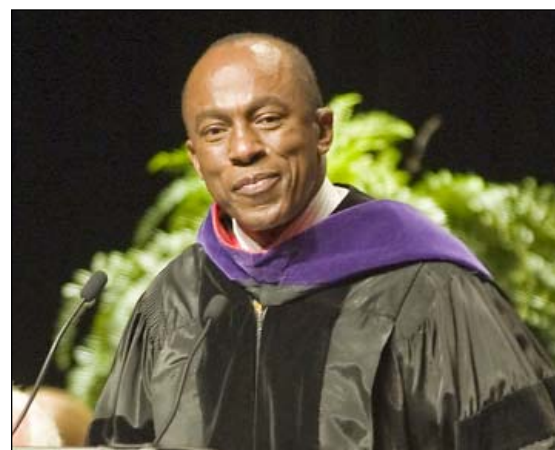
## *Crowell urges students to expand their horizons*

Troy University students should prepare themselves to compete in a fast-paced, global environment that will require every leader to be a life-long learner.

That was the message of Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Crowell, the keynote speaker at the University's annual Honors Convocation held Tuesday at the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus. Introduced by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., Gen. Crowell told the more than 600 in attendance that today's TROY students should expand their horizons now to position themselves for success later.

"You have to expand your horizons beyond your comfort zones," said Crowell, who earned a master's degree from TROY in 2001. "If I was a business major, I would decide tonight to spend a large part of the rest of my career on campus meeting students from other nations."

Crowell pointed to Hyundai in Montgomery as an example of international business succeeding in Alabama. Crowell's own firm, Miltope, a com-



**Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ed Crowell speaks during the University's Honors Convocation on the Troy Campus Monday night, encouraging students to expand their horizons beyond their comfort zones.**

puter design business, is owned by a Singapore-based company.

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*We welcome your input and submissions at [aellis@troy.edu](mailto:aellis@troy.edu)*

# Ingalls Award

Priya Menon receives University's most prestigious faculty honor

Priya Menon, assistant professor in Troy University's Department of English, is the recipient of the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University's most prestigious honor for faculty members.

Menon, a Troy resident, was honored during the University's annual Honors Convocation held Monday night in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus. Dr. Stephen Cooper, chair of the English Department, accepted the award on Menon behalf. Menon was unable to attend due to the birth of a child on Sunday.

The Ingalls Award is given annually to the teacher on the Troy Campus who has "most diligently, effectively and cheerfully conducted his or her classes during the current academic year." Students nominate faculty members for the award, and a committee of students and faculty advisors selects the recipient. The award consists of a statue of Socrates, a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

Menon joined Troy University as a member of the full-time faculty in 2007. She previously served TROY as an adjunct instructor from 2003-2005. Menon also previously served

as an English-as-a-Second-Language lecturer at Oman Medical College in the Sultanate of Oman, and as a high school English teacher in Indian School Muladha in the Sultanate of Oman.

Menon holds a bachelor's and a master's degree in English and a bachelor's in education from the University of Calicut in Kerala, India. She also holds a master's degree in English education from TROY and is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in literary studies from Georgia State University in Atlanta.



**Patterson wins Sullivan Award** – Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement/leadership, is congratulated by Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., during the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards luncheon on the Troy Campus on Monday. The Sullivan Award, which is presented at select colleges and universities throughout the United States, recognizes recipients for their excellence of character, humanitarian service and spiritual qualities. The award has been presented annually to a male student, a female student and one non-student at TROY since 1981. Students, faculty and staff nominate candidates for the award. Patterson serves as advisor to several campus organizations including the SGA, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the Order of Omega, Omicron Delta Kappa, the Newman Center and GAMMA. She is a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church in Troy, has served as Eucharistic Minister and was a former Parish Council member. Seniors Cody Ash of Troy and Kristina Vise of Trussville were the student winners.

## Honors

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Crowell also urged the students to "actively participate in the expansion of your discipline" by learning new ways to do things and by taking advantage of technological breakthroughs. He said the students of "Generation Y," which included many of the honorees, are "tech-savvy" and results oriented, characteristics that will lead to success.

Gen. Crowell retired in February after 35 years of service in the Air Force Reserve. In civilian life, Gen. Crowell is senior vice president of Miltope Corp., a major defense contractor. He is responsible for all human resources, computer information systems, facilities, safety and security matters companywide.

Almost 300 students were honored at the convocation, which recognizes TROY students for academic excellence in all disciplines.

# Recognizing excellence

Faculty Senate honors Long School of Music's Dr. Hui-Ting Yang

**D**r. Hui-Ting Yang, lecturer in the John M. Long School of Music, is the recipient of the Faculty Senate's 2009 Excellence Award.

Dr. Yang was honored during the University's annual Honors Convocation held Monday on the Troy Campus.

The award was created to salute the outstanding contributions of non-tenure track faculty. It was presented for the first time in 2008.

Dr. Yang, a member of the faculty since 2007, was nominated for the award by Dr. Diane Orlofsky and Dr. Michael Hix, both professors within

the School of Music.

Dr. Yang, who earned her doctorate in piano performance from Florida State University, teaches piano at TROY and regularly accompanies faculty and students at recitals. She also has volunteered to serve as pianist for several theater performances.

In addition, Dr. Yang maintains a rigorous research schedule, presenting her work on musicological trends in Taiwanese songs and language at both national and international conferences. She also has two recordings to her credit, one with Kum Seong Records in 2008 and one with Arco Diva in 2009.



**Dr. Hui-Ting Yang, lecturer in the John M. Long School of Music, receives the Faculty Senate's Excellence Award from Dr. Elizabeth Blum.**

## SACS

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Under the leadership of Eleanor Lee, dean of first year studies, the QEP will involve all TROY faculty, staff and students in a variety of critical reading activities over a five-year period.

The QEP includes seven components:

- A common reading initiative;
- *The New York Times* Readership Program;
- Service-learning initiatives;
- A major-field reading initiative;
- Professional development for faculty and staff;
- Reading nooks; and
- Assessment of student learning outcomes.

If you have further questions, please contact Dean Eleanor Lee at 334-670-3209.

## *Slack urges students to see the 'whole person' during annual Helen Keller Lecture*

As someone who has recovered from a mental illness, Joel Slack knows the value of respect.

Slack, an international consultant and trainer in the field of mental health, urged students gathered in the Claudia Crosby Theater for the 14th annual Helen Keller Lecture at Troy University on April 9 to look past stigmas and stereotypes attached to victims of mental illness.

"We must train ourselves to look at the whole person," Slack said. "I encourage you to look past the stigmas attached to someone with a mental illness and to see the strengths and potential that lay within."

Slack suffered a mental breakdown while in college and was institutionalized due to schizophrenia. Following his recovery, Slack began to speak of his experience with mental illness.

The Helen Keller Lecture is designed to promote awareness of people who excel in their chosen fields despite physical and/or



**Joel Slack, an international consultant and trainer in the field of mental health, addresses the 14th annual Helen Keller Lecture.**

mental limitations. The lecture was sponsored by Troy University, the Alabama State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, The Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education, the Alabama State Department of Education, the Alabama State Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind.

# A call for volunteers

Special Olympics returning to the Troy Campus on May 15-17

Some 800 athletes with mental retardation and about 350 of their coaches and chaperons will compete May 15 – 17 in the Special Olympics Alabama State Games at Troy University.

Competitions will include 10 sports conducted both on the Troy Campus and at venues in the city of Troy, beginning with the opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. May 15 in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

The ceremony will include a parade of athletes, entertainment and a fireworks show. Sporting events begin on May 16 at 9 a.m. at various venues. Sport events include swimming, gymnastics, equestrian, bowling, track and field, softball, tennis, bocce, power lifting and golf. A Victory Dance will be held Saturday night.

Closing ceremonies will be conducted May 17 and will include a memorial service for those athletes who have died in the past year.

Volunteers for the State Games are being sought, said Dean of Students Herb Reeves.

“Volunteers are very important in order to make this event a success,” he said.

To volunteer, contact Reeves at 334-670-3202 or via email at [hreeves@troy.edu](mailto:hreeves@troy.edu).

“We invite you to visit, cheer or volunteer to assist the athletes in having the best time ever. Your interest and help is greatly appreciated,” he said.



**Perry County Special Olympics athlete Kaleria Foster makes her bid at the standing long jump event during the 2008 Special Olympics Alabama State Games at Troy University**



**Partnership Reception** – Dr. Lance Tatum, dean of the College of Education, provides an update on the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan during the College of Education’s School and Community Partnership reception on April 14. The reception brought College of Education representatives together with area school officials and community leaders. Representatives from each of the College’s departments, as well as other University programs, offered presentations during the event, which was held in Jack Hawkins, Jr., Hall on the Troy Campus. Among those in attendance were: Dr. Mark Bazzell, superintendent of Pike County Schools, Dr. Kathi Wallace, superintendent of Crenshaw County Schools, and Dr. Ken Bynum, principal of Pike County Elementary School.

## *Fundraising effort under way for new T-ROY mascot uniform*

The Troy University Alumni Association raised \$1,150 toward a new uniform for TROY mascot T-ROY during a recent silent auction and is looking to raise further funds through donations.

Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs, encouraged faculty and staff to get behind the effort.

“T-ROY not only represents our University on the sidelines of our athletic events, but also is a visible part of many University and community events,” Ward said. “The Alumni Association will be accepting donations to help provide a new mascot uniform, and we hope that members of the faculty and staff will step up and help make this a reality.”

Ward said checks could be made payable to the Troy University Alumni Association and designated for “New T-ROY Outfit.”

For further information about the fundraising effort, contact Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318 or Cheerleading Coach Amber Spradley at 334-670-3855.



**Montgomery Campus donates desks** – Troy University’s Montgomery Campus donated 188 student desks to Davis Elementary School, the Montgomery Campus’ Partners in Education. The chairs were delivered to the school and immediately placed in classrooms for the students to use. During her last visit to the school, Dr. Dabney McKenzie, the Montgomery Campus Partners in Education representative, was told that the chairs had been a real “shot in the arm” to everyone at Davis from the students and the teachers to the janitors and administration. Davis Elementary Principal Ozella Ford said, “Everyone is walking taller and working harder with those desk in place.” Pictured is Ozella Ford, Davis Elementary School principal, and Dr. Dabney Mckenzie, elementary education coordinator on the Montgomery Campus.

## *Thank-you notes*

Troy University Family,  
My family and I would like to thank the Troy University family for the beautiful flowers, phone calls, visits, cards, emails and kind words through this difficult time. The sudden loss of my sister will be difficult to overcome but your constant thoughts and prayers have helped and will continue to help heal our broken hearts. Troy University has been very supportive of Chasity and instrumental in her career. She was very proud of TROY and represented it well.

My sister was an amazing person that has accomplished some great things in her short life. She not only motivated me and encouraged me to do great

things but she also did that for many other people. Even in her passing, she is still affecting people because of the life she lived. Knowing that she is in heaven eases my spirit but things are definitely going to be different without her. She is now my angel and still watching over me and I know I will see here again. Thanks again for everything you all have done.

God bless you all,  
Candance Barnes  
Troy University  
Instructional Design Program and  
Training Coordinator

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Dear Troy Courtesy Committee,  
Thank you so for your memorial con-

tribution in our son’s name.

We learned at the memorial service Chris was quite a conniver of funds for his students.

He would be well pleased with your gift.

Thank you for your caring expressions of sympathy shown to our family.

We are most appreciative.  
Jack and Louise Warden

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Thank you so much for your acts of kindness during our difficult time. The overwhelming amount of thoughtfulness shown to us will always be remembered.

The Family Johnny Floyd Huffman

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Emrah Orhun**, professor of computer science on the Montgomery Campus, presented a co-authored paper entitled "International Cooperation in Ambient Computing Education" at the 2009 International Conference on Engineering and Computer Education in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 8-11.

Dr. Orhun has also had a co-authored paper entitled "Towards a Joint Degree Program in Ambient Computing" presented by Dr. Y. Ozturk of San Diego State University at the American Society for Engineering Education PSW 2009 Conference, March 19-20 in San Diego, CA.

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**Dr. Vikki K. Collins**, associate professor of early childhood/elementary education at the Phenix City Campus, was appointed by International Reading Association President-elect, Kathryn Au, to serve as a member of IRA's 2009-2010 Studies & Research: Teacher as Researcher Subcommittee. Composed of 12 international researchers, the subcommittee seeks to support and disseminate teacher research.

Dr. Collins also co-authored the article, "You are what you eat: Healthy practice for young children," with Dr. Sallie Averitt Miller of Columbus State University and Dr. H. Marguerite Yates of LaGrange College. The article will be published in the spring 2009 issue of *Perspectives in Learning*.

Another article, "The Effects of Georgia Reading First Instruction on Student Achievement," was co-authored by Dr. Collins with Ms. Regina Evans, a Troy University Phenix City Ed.S. graduate from 2008. The article will be published in the spring, 2009, issue of Georgia Journal of Reading.

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**Dr. Jo Anne Bryant**, retired English professor and department who now works part-time on the Montgomery Campus, will chair the International Reading Association Exemplary Reading Program Award Subcommittee for the next two years. She will attend the IRA's 54th Annual Convention North Central in Minneapolis, MN, May 3-7.

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Southeast Region faculty member **Richard Fulton**, associate professor of computer science at the Augusta Site, presented his co-authored work entitled "C.C Smith Manufacturing" at the Society for Case Research/MBAA International 2009 annual meeting held on March 18-20 in Chicago, IL. He was a discussant on the theme "Critical Incidents, Policy and Strategy" and also chaired the panel with the theme: "Critical Incidents, Business and Society."

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**Dr. Robert Kane**, adjunct history professor for eCampus, attended the annual conference of the Society of Military History at Murfreesboro, TN, April 2-5, 2009, where he presented his paper "Transforming the Aerial Warfare in the 21st Century: The Marriage of Strategic Bombers

### *Art & Design faculty take part in FATE biennial conference*

Troy University Art and Design faculty members recently took part in the Foundation in Art: Theory and Education's (FATE) biennial conference in Portland, OR, April 1-4.

FATE is a national association dedicated to the promotion of excellence in the development and teaching of college-level foundation courses in both studio and art history. The hosts for the conference were the Portland Community College and the Pacific Northwest College of Art.

**Jerry Johnson**, chair of the Department of Art and Design, was re-elected as vice president for communications for the organization.

**Greg Skaggs**, assistant professor of art, was elected to the executive board of FATE as representative to the SECAC Conference.

Several members of the faculty also made presentations or chaired panel discussions during the conference.

**Johnson** was a discussant for a topic table discussion entitled "A New Era of FATE Communications: New Models, Environments and Communities."

**Skaggs** co-chaired a panel session entitled, "Communication: Innovations through Motion Design Education."

**Sara Dismukes**, assistant professor of design, presented a paper entitled, "Sketching in the Fourth Dimension: Using Flash as Tool for 2D Design Students."

**Pamela Allen**, associate professor of art, presented the paper "Progressive Drawing: Implementing Time-based Media Projects into a Traditional Drawing Class."

and the Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom."

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**Jerry Johnson**, chairman of the Department of Art and Design, along with **Dr. Phil Lyon**, regional director of Global Campus, is meeting with faculty of Saigon Technology University (STU). STU is in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and was honored to be the first national college specializing in disciplines of engineering and technology fields.

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**Duane Paxson**, adjunct professor of art, recently exhibited his sculptures at the gallery in the Art Department at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

The exhibit entitled "Obstacles to Departure" was in place for four weeks during February and March.

# TroyFest

Annual arts and craft festival to be held in downtown Troy April 25

**T**royFest, the premier fine arts and crafts festival for the central Alabama region, announces exciting new components to the weekend-long event.

TroyFest will be held Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the square in downtown Troy.

According to Stephanie Baker, TroyFest Chair, the festival draws upwards of 10,000 people to downtown Troy to celebrate the arts.

Two exciting components that will expand the arts for TroyFest 2009 include Jazz Fest and Troy's First Film Fest.

The Jazz Fest will include a variety

of jazz bands from throughout the Southeast throughout Saturday of the festival on the Troy Cable Entertainment Stage. Crowning the day-long Jazz Fest will be the Harry James Tribute Band with Nashville vocalist Jilla Webb.

Troy's First Film Fest will feature South Arts' Short Circuit Traveling Film Fest, a touring collection of juried film shorts by filmmakers living and working in the South.

In addition to the schedule of short screenings, the documentary "Before the Music Dies" will be shown in a special After Hours event. Featuring live performances and interviews from notable musicians, the film tells

the story of American Music and the affect of the music as an industry on innovation.

A series of one-minute films created by Troy University students will also be featured during the Film Fest. The students are a part of Collaboration!, an ongoing collaborative project by students within the University's Department of Art and Design and Department of Theater and Dance. The films will be shown at 11:30 a.m., Saturday April 25th.

For more information you can visit [www.troyfest.com](http://www.troyfest.com).

Shuttle service from the Troy Campus to downtown will be available for TROY faculty, staff and students.

## *Ticket deadline for Sun Belt baseball tournament approaching*

Troy University baseball fans who want to reserve their seats for the Sun Belt Conference Championship Tournament May 20-23 at Riddle-Pace Field are running out of time. A deadline of Tuesday, April 21, has been set for Trojan fans to purchase their seats for the tournament.

After that date, all unsold seats at Riddle-Pace Field for the tournament will be released and available for purchase by fans of other Sun Belt Conference schools.

Tournament ticket books can be purchased through the Troy University Athletics Ticket office for \$75. That ticket book will reserve your seats for all seven sessions of the tournament, which could include as many as 15 games over four days.

Individual session tickets for the tournament will cost \$75 for reserved seats and \$50 for general admission. Once the tournament starts, tickets will cost \$15 per session for reserved seats (if any remain available) and \$10

for general admission. There will be a \$5 handling fee per advance order.

Contact the Troy Athletics Ticket Office at 334-670-3681 to reserve your seats for the tournament.

There will be seven sessions at the tournament, two each of the first three days (May 20-22) and one on Saturday, May 23, for the championship.

Pre-purchased tournament tickets will be available for pick-up on Tuesday night, May 19, at Family Night, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Tickets for the tournament will also be available for sale at that event.

That evening will include an awards presentation for all of the regular season Sun Belt Conference awards, a home run hitting contest featuring a slugger from each of the eight teams as well as eight 12-and-under home run champions from area youth league, and will wrap up with a dynamic fireworks display. Admission to Family Night at Riddle-Pace Field is free.

### **Dothan Campus to host free health fair on April 28**

Several community health care providers will be at Troy University's Dothan Campus to provide free checks, screenings and information during the annual health and wellness fair on Tuesday, April 28.

Local health care providers will be on hand to give information about health topics including exercise and nutrition. Others will provide free access to a range of services including blood pressure, vision and hearing tests, said Keith Seagle, director of counseling and career services.

The free event is open to the public.

The fair will be held from 9 a.m. until noon in Malone Hall. For more information, call (334) 983-6556.

AROUND TROY

## Survivor

Rosenheck to share Holocaust experiences during April 25 event on Dothan Campus

**H**olocaust survivor Ann Rosenheck will share her harrowing and inspiring story during a talk at Troy University on Saturday, April 25.

The program is sponsored by Temple Emanuel in Dothan and TROY. It will begin at 3 p.m. in Sony Hall inside the Library Technology building on the Dothan Campus.

Admission is free and open to the

public.

Rosenheck was 13 and living in Hungary when her family was captured by the Nazis and taken to the Auschwitz concentration camp. By war's end, 92 members of her family had been killed, including her grandmother, a brother, a sister and both of her parents.

She was freed during the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp in

1945 and later immigrated to the United States. Today, Rosenheck shares her story with the public in spite of the pain it causes her.

"I hope that we are not going to be forgotten; that we will be remembered," she said.

For more information about the event, contact Temple Emanuel at (334) 792-5001.

## Larry Blakeney Golf Tournament set for Monday

On Monday, April 20, the Troy University Athletics Department will host the annual Larry Blakeney Golf Tournament at Wyn-Lakes Golf & Country Club in Montgomery. Registration for the event will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. with lunch served prior to a noon shotgun start.

There is still room in the field for four-person teams, individual players and sponsors, but time is running out. The cost to field a team in the event is \$1,000. Individual players can participate for \$300 and advertising sponsorships are also \$300.

All players will receive a gift bag and there will be an awards presentation and reception following the tournament.

Contact Alicia Bookout at 334-670-3683 to participate in the tournament this year.



**Spring Picnic** – Students, faculty and staff at the Dothan Campus enjoy blue skies and a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs during the annual Spring Picnic on Thursday, April 16. The picnic was part of the Heritage Week celebration which recognizes TROY's longstanding ties to the Wiregrass region.

## Dothan Campus to host 'March for Babies' April 25

Local March of Dimes teams and individuals will hit the Harrison Walking Trails at Troy University's Dothan Campus on Saturday, April 25, for the 2009 March for Babies event.

More than 30 Wiregrass teams will walk the trails from 8 a.m. until noon, joining with more than 900 communities across the country in support of

the March of Dimes' mission to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality.

This is the third time the March for Babies has been held at the Dothan Campus.

"We are proud that the Harrison Walking Trails are hosting the event for the third year in a row and we

invite everyone to come enjoy the celebration," said Chris Bryant, assistant director of the TROY Fort Rucker site and co-captain of TROY's March of Dimes team.

Individuals can register to walk in the March for Babies the day of the event or on line at [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org). Walkers are asked to raise or donate a minimum of \$10.